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[HOUSE FILE No. 634.—MINES AND MINING.]

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 202, OF THE ACTS OF THE 18TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN RELATION TO THE OPERATION OF COAL MINES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That section 14, of chapter 202, of the acts of the Eighteenth General Assembly, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following, to-wit: Every person, partnership or corporation operating a coal mine in this State, shall be liable for all damages sustained by any person, including their employes in consequence of the neglect of agents, or by any mismanagement of their engineers or other employes, and in consequence of the willful wrongs, whether of commission or omission of such agents, engineers or other employes, when such wrongs are in any manner connected with the use and operation of such coal mine in or about which they shall be employed; and no contract or agreement restricting such liability shall be legal or binding.

SEC. 2. Any owner, agent or operator of any mine in this State, operated either by shaft or slope, who shall knowingly violate any of the provisions of sections eight (8), nine (9), eleven (11), twelve (12), or thirteen (13), of chapter 202, of the acts of the Eighteenth General Assembly, after having been notified as provided in section 14 of said act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction by a court having jurisdiction thereof, be liable to a fine of not more than fifty dollars for each and every day's violation thereof.